Extradition Treaties

1240. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom India has extradition treaties at present; and

(b) the countries with whom India has extradition arrangements and what are the reasons for not signing extradition treaties with those countries and by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Extradition treaties have been signed and are in operation with United Kingdom, United States of America, Nepal, Bhutan, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Canada, Russia, Belgium, Hong Kong and Netherlands.

(b) India has reciprocal extradition arrangements with nine countries—Australia, Fiji, Germany, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania and Thailand. Extradition requests made to these countries are governed by the extradition laws of the Requested State. The conclusion of an extradition treaty is a bilateral process and proposals are initiated after ascertaining the interest of other countries in concluding extradition treaties with India.

Arrest of Indian nationals sought for by FBI

1241. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a list of 30 Indian nationals from the Federal Bureau of Investigation who are suspected to have been a part of the Al-Qaeda network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many such persons have been arrested so far and handed over to U.S. Government; and

(d) by when the remaining persons are likely to be arrested?